

(e) if so, how the amount was utilised?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) There are the following schemes for extending the area for cocoanut and arecanut plantations:

1. Establishment of Cocoanut Nurseries in Mysore.
2. Establishment of Cocoanut Nurseries in Kumta.
3. Establishment of Cocoanut Nurseries in Coorg.
4. Establishment of Arecanut Nurseries.

In addition to the above, there are the following schemes for the Development of Cocoanut and Arecanut:

1. Establishment of Cocoanut Regional Research Station.
2. Investigation relating to Anabe Roga of Cocoanuts.
3. Investigation relating to Anabe Roga of Arecanut.
4. Arecanut Research Station, Thirthahalli, Shimoga District.
5. Investigation relating to Hidi-mundige Roga on Arecanut.

(b) Improved varieties of Cocoanut and Arecanut seedlings are being supplied at concessional rates of Re. 0-8-0 and Re. 0-2-0 per seedling respectively for fresh plantations.

(c) Besides the supply of improved seedlings, technical advice is given to ryots by the Extension Staff for adopting improved methods of cultivation, manuring and plant protection methods.

So far as plant protection methods are concerned, Rhinoceros Beetle and Anabe Roga cause a lot of damage to Cocoanut plantations. The ryots are advised about the preventive and control methods to be adopted. So far as arecanut is concerned, Koleroga is a very major disease in the Malnad.

In Malnad areas spraying with Bordeaux mixtures is advocated and the same is adopted universally. This has saved a lot of arecanut wealth in Mysore.

(d) Yes. A sum of Rs. 68,139 for the cocoanut nursery scheme (for 12 years from 1946) and Rs. 4,96,950 for the Areca Research Station (for 10 years from 1953) has been contributed by the Central Cocoanut and Arecanut Committees.

(e) This amount is utilised towards: (1) Raising quality cocoanut seedlings, and distributing to growers.

(2) Establishment of the Areca Research Station, Thirthahalli, where Research work on problems connected with the Areca Plantation is carried on besides raising quality seedlings for distribution to growers.

Officers and Officials Dismissed for Misappropriation of Money in Agricultural Department.

Q.—358. Sri M. CHIKKALINGIAH (Malavalli—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of officials and officers in the Agricultural Department that were dismissed from 1952 up-to-date;

(b) the reasons for such dismissal (detailed information may be furnished);

(c) the amount of misappropriation of money and defalcations committed by each of them;

(d) the action taken against them and the steps taken to recover the Government money?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Ten.

(b) They were all dismissed for misappropriation of Government funds.

(c) The following amounts were involved in each of the 10 cases.

		Rs.	a.	p.
(1)	...	1,381	12	8
(2)	...	3,691	1	6
(3)	...	3,581	11	6
(4)	...	810	12	0
(5)	...	4,332	8	0
(6)	...	1,688	11	0
(7)	...	857	12	3

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			Rs.	a.	p.
(8)	...	...	2,394	1	0
(9)	...	...	973	0	6
(10)	...	...	60	0	0

(d) They were all dismissed from service, and the amounts recovered wherever possible. Where recovery was not possible, civil suits have been instituted against the persons concerned.

Committee appointed for Revision of Pay Structure of Government Owned and Managed Industrial Concerns.

Q.—412. Sri D. VENKATESH (Gandhinagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the Committee to consider the advisability of revision of the pay structure in respect of employees of Government owned and managed industrial concerns was appointed ;

(b) who are the personnel of the said Committee ?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Industries).—

(a) 25th January 1957.

(b) Shri V. M. Mascarenhas. B.A., M.L.A., (Chairman).

Shri K. P. Karumbaiya, M.A., LL.B., M.L.A. (Member).

Shri G. Veerappa, B.Sc., LL.B., M.L.C. (Member).

Shri Abbas Alikhan, Under Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department (Member).

Shri M. A. Ali, Technical Assistant to the Labour Commissioner (Member).

Shri Mark D'Souza, First Assistant to the Controller of State Accounts (Member Secretary to the Committee).

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Demands for grants (On Account) Discussion (contd.)

(Sri B. Vaikunta Baliga rose).

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before the Hon'ble Member begins, I want to say that as I told on Saturday I would like to prescribe a time-limit. The time-limit will be 15 minutes for each member.

*Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Pana-Mangalore).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, this Assembly is meeting in a peculiar background at this juncture. A few of our friends on both sides may no longer be here when this Assembly meets again. Therefore, the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the Opposition and a few Hon'ble Members of the Opposition including the Hon'ble Member Sri Pattabhiraman and a few Hon'ble Members on this side also have to be reciprocated. I feel it my duty to say that we will be missing the help, guidance and co-operation of these Hon'ble Members to a very large extent.

Sri Imam, with all the wealth of knowledge and details which he possesses and the cordial manner in which he conducted the Opposition, has really endeared himself to one and all. We are missing him. But, we take solace under the circumstances that he will be able to discharge similar duties, duties which would be helpful to the advancement of the country. Sri Pattabhiraman—unfortunately neither of them are here—has also rendered excellent service and as an independent member was expressing impartial and unbiased views on subjects that came before the House. But, I am not able to understand how justifiable it was on the part of the Leader of the Opposition to have criticised the holding of elections. Suggestions have been made that the election has not been fair. I feel that it is a wrong view and there is no basis for that view. Election has been conducted in the most fair and impartial manner. May be, certain persons did not succeed ; but, may I say that the Minister in charge of the elections himself had to get defeated ? It will